THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has been taking steps to evolve Pharmacopoeial standards for Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs. For this purpose, the following Committees constituted by the Government are functioning:

(1) Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia Committee;

(2) Unani Pharmacopoeia Committee; and

(3) Siddha Pharmacopoeia Committee.

The Scientific work in connection with standardisation is being done mainly by the following agencies;

1. Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha.

2. Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine.

3. Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine, Ghaziabad.

Proposal for setting up of separate Medical Universities

230. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up separate medical universities on the pattern of agricultural universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The Medical Education Review Committee has made recommendations regarding the setting up of Universities of Health Sciences in order to bring about coordination between various educational and training institutions of the modern and various Indian Systems of Medicine. Nurses, Pharmacists etc. Government are yet to take a final view in the matter.

Demands of the All Railway Catering Association

231. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any charter of demands from the All Railway Catering Association (Northern Railways);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the employees of the catering service in northern railways were working with black badges on their uniforms; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to fulfil their demands, demand-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) A strike notice along with a charter of demands was received in March 1985 from the General Secretary Rail Mazdoor Union, an unrecognized union and not from the All Railway Catering Association (Northern Railway).

The main demands are regularisation of allotment of railway quarters, supply of terry-cot uniforms and absorption of casual staff, commission-bearers, vendors, etc. In support of their demands, some of the catering staff, particularly those working in Parliament Complex Canteen wore badges while on duty.

As per the extant policy, all grievances of staff are examined on merits irrespective of the source from which they emanate and remedial